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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-107 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 22-65, 68-102 and 104-107 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 66 and 103 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 18-21 and 67 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The request filed on 30 June 2004 for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is acceptable and an RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed 16 August 2004 has been placed in the application file, and the information referred to therein has been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Lill et al.*

(4,130,362).

As to **claim 17**, Lill discloses an apparatus for determining steering positions of the front wheels of a vehicle that includes aligning a first plane 10) with a second plane (11), comprising:

a device comprising a main part (40), a light source (100) and a plurality of contact points (26), wherein the contact points are connected to the main part and attach the main part to the first plane (col. 5, lines 5-10), the light source is connected to the main part of the device in a position to emit a scattered light beam having a first scattering angle in one direction and a smaller scattering angle in other directions (col. 5, lines 50-55,), wherein the scattering plane is parallel to the plane of the first plane.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 66 and 103 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lill et al. (4,130,362)*.

As to **claim 66**, Lill discloses everything claimed, as applied above, with the exception of magnetic contact points, however Lill does provide a detachable mounting mechanism (col. 4, line 50). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use magnets since the rim of a wheel is typically metallic and since providing magnets would provide secure attachment without causing damage upon removal.

As to **claim 103**, Lill discloses everything claimed, as applied above, with the exception if a laser light source, however Lill does provide illumination using a multiple diode source (col. 4, line 39). Since a laser and light emitting diodes are functionally equivalent, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use a laser in the place of the diodes as a means to provide illumination.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 22-65, 68-102, and 104-107 are allowed.

Claims 18-21 and 67 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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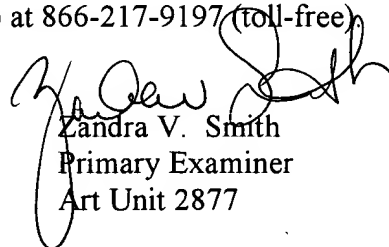
The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in a system for aligning one plane or pulley with a second plane or pulley that includes, displaceable contact points, an arm rotatable connected to the main part, indicator devices on the second plane, or pulleys with indicator devices, in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim.

Fax/Telephone Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zandra V. Smith whose telephone number is (571) 272-2429. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext. 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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